

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-9, 18, and 19 as follows.

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1. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus which comprises:
rendering means for rendering image data described using a description language;
detecting means for detecting information relating to invisible copyright ~~from~~ data in
the image data which is input rendered by said rendering means; and
control means for controlling ~~the print~~ printing of said image data according to the
information relating to ~~said detected~~ the copyright data detected by said detecting means.

2. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the information relating to said invisible copyright data is digital watermark information.

3. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said control means prohibits ~~said print~~ the printing.

4. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein said control means prohibits the output of said image data to a printer which performs
~~said print~~ the printing.

5. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control means outputs a control signal which gives said image data to a printer which performs ~~said print~~ the printing to prohibit the ~~print~~ printing of said image data.

6. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to Claim 1, ~~which further comprises~~ further comprising identifying means for identifying a password embedded in said image data, wherein said control means permits the ~~print~~ printing of an image which corresponds to said image data when the same password as said password is ~~inputted~~ input.

7. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, ~~farther~~ further comprising:

34 ID detecting means for detecting ID information in order to identify said image data from said image data;

inputting means for inputting a password by a user; and

receiving means for sending said ID information and a password to an author's side device to receive information or print permission for said image formation.

8. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1 which further comprises instructing means for instructing acceptance for accounting for the ~~print~~ printing using said image data to an author's side device, wherein said control means permits the ~~print~~ printing of said image data in response to said instruction.

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9. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus which comprises:

detecting means for detecting a digital watermark contained in image data;

obtaining means for obtaining an address of a device which holds a data list relating to said image data from said detected digital watermark information;

receiving means for receiving [[a]] the data list from said the device according to said address obtained by said obtaining means; and

data receiving means for receiving data selected by a user from said image data list;

and

inquiring means for inquiring, prior to the receiving by said receiving means, whether to perform the receiving by said receiving means by using said detected digital watermark information.

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10. (Original) The image processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said data is an image, a speech or a movie.

11. (Original) The image processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said data list writes therein a plurality of data pieces and charge for said plurality of data pieces.

12. (Original) The image processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said data reception is performed by selecting user's desired data from said data list and inputting the number of a cash card of said user.

13. (Original) The image processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said data is data of another produce of a painter who has written said image data.

14. (Original) The image producing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said data is data of another produce of a composer who has written a musical note corresponding to said image data.

15. (Original) The image processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said data is data of another produce of an author who has written a book according to said image data.

16. (Original) The image processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said data is data of another produce of an photographer who has taken a photograph corresponding to said image data.

17. (Original) The image processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said address comprises a plurality of addresses and said data receiving means receives a data list from a plurality of devices.

18. (Currently Amended) An image processing method which comprises:
a step of rendering image data described using a description language;
a step of detecting information relating to invisible copyright from data in the input
image data rendered in said rendering step by detecting means; and

a step of controlling the ~~print~~ printing of said image data according to the information relating to ~~said detected the copyright by control means~~ data detected in said detecting step.

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19. (Currently Amended) An image processing method which comprises:
a step of detecting a digital watermark contained in image data by detecting means;
a step of obtaining an address of a device which holds a data list relating to said image data from said detected digital watermark information by obtaining means;
a step of receiving a data list from ~~said the device~~ by receiving means according to said address ~~by receiving means~~ obtained in said obtaining step; and
a step of receiving data selected by a user from said image data list by data receiving means; and
a step of inquiring, prior to the receiving in said receiving step, whether to perform the receiving in said receiving step by using said detected digital watermark information.
